

REMARKS

Claims 83-93 have been canceled, without prejudice, therefore claims 94-104 remain pending.

The Rejection of Claims 83-87, 89-91 and 93 Under 35 USC 102(e) Should Be Withdrawn

The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 83-87, 89-91 and 93 Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,294,663, filed March 2, 2000.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, however in an effort to expedite prosecution, and in no way acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 83-93, thereby rendering the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) rejection over claims 83-87, 89-91 and 93 moot.

Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) rejection over claims 83-87, 89-91 and 93.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants submit that in view of the foregoing claim cancellations, this application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

This paper is being filed timely as Applicants believe no extension of time is required. In the event any extensions of time are necessary, the undersigned hereby authorizes the requisite fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 501668.

Entry of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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